naturally want to have the work stopped in the middle, and so we got the labour from the roads until we were able to organise new labour. As soon as the new labour was organised, these people were sent back to their places.

Departmental Coolies.

10. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Engineer has withdrawn to Trivandrum from other Divisions gangs of departmental coolies;

(b) the total number of such coolies so withdrawn from each of the other Divisions respectively; and

(c) the daily wages paid to each of such coolies?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: *(a)* a few gangs of coolies were directed to work in Trivandrum for the urgent work of improvements to the Aerodrome.

(b) From	Nagercoil Division	...	186
,,	Trivandrum ,,	...	492
,,	Quilon ,,	...	298
,,	Kottayam ,,	...	365
,,	Alwaye ,,	...	182
,,	Water works and Drainage Division	...	31
,,	K. E. P. Division, Kulasekharam Division	...	87
	Total	...	1,641

(c) The usual wages at their own place plus a batta of 7 chs. per cooly per day.

Work establishment personnel.

11. *SAHIB BAHADUR K. A MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that they have drawn all the work establishment personnel and muster roll workers from the different P. W. Divisions of the State for the work in the Aerodrome at Trivandrum; and

(b) whether they are aware that this action of the department has prejudicially affected the different P. W. D. Works in the State?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: *(a)* No.

(b) No.

Aerodrome at Trivandrum.

12. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that road metal stocked on the roadside for road maintenance was transported and utilised for the construction of the Aerodrome at Trivandrum;

(b) if so, the total quantity so transported and used; and

(c) the roads from which they were so diverted?

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DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: *(a)* Yes.

(b) 64,550 c. ft.

(c) 3rd mile M. S. Road to Kottoor road,
Workshops road,
Pattom road to Kannanmoola road,
Pettah Police Station to Kannanmoola road,
Shunkumugham-Veli road,
Pattom-Kaudiar road,
Mosque-Chackai road,
Trivandrum-Quilon road,
Killipalam and Kalippankulam roads.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know the reason why the metal stocked on these roads was diverted to the aerodrome?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: On account of the shortage of labour for a few days. We had some metal lying idle on the roads and so we took them to the aerodrome and subsequently replaced them.

MR P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I take it that the metal was not required for these reads?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It was; but could not be used immediately. The spreading season was only some time hence.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: What was the last date on which these roads were repaired?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Some time last year.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: I specifically ask whether the roads leading from Pattam to Kaudiyar was repaired last year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I believe so, but I could not tell you exactly.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Has repair been done this year? What is the condition of these roads now?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Quite a number of these roads in Trivandrum City have suffered on account of the transport of material for the aerodrome.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Could not the metals be spread at that time?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The metal is being put back on the roads.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Has any arrangement been made to re-metal these roads?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It is being done.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Has any metal being stocked on these roads—Pattom-Kaudiar and Pettah-Kannanmoola?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: They are being repaired.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: What was the rate at which the rubble was supplied to these roads?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I cannot tell you off hand.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: What is the rate at which the supply is being made to the aerodrome?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAM: Rs. 15 or 16.

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MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: What is the credit of the account?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISNNAN: The metal was a loan.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know whether a substitute has been sent to the place?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It is being replaced at the cost of the aerodrome.

Roller-engines.

13. SAHIB BAHADJR K. A. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that most of the useful roller-engines intended for road-building and maintenance are taken away for the construction of the Aerodrome; and

(*b*) how many of them were working there at a time?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Eight as a maximum.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know the number of roller-engines in the State employed for maintaining the roads?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: There are 21 roller-engines in all, in the State.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: How many were brought to the aerodrome?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: There was a maximum of eight for a few days. There are only four now.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know how many of them are in working order?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Almost all except two which are in the workshops.

Air Service.

14. ❋MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of aeroplanes belonging to the Government of Travancore;

(*b*) the price given for each;

(*c*) the places where aerodromes have been provided; and

(*d*) whether any company has applied for sanction to conduct air service between Travancore and other parts?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) None.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) Does not arise.

(*d*) Yes.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Which are the companies that have asked for permission for starting the servic?

PRESIDENT: No company. I have already stated that an agreement has been entered into with the Tata Airways Company. That is the only company and there is no other company.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Were they given sanction for that?

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